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STREWING THEM WITH FLOWERS. Observance of the Decoration Ceremonies at the National Cemetery.

Large Attendance-Quiet, but Interes; ing Occasion. Eloquent and Beautiful Address

The graves of the Federal dead, who fell in the noble defense of their under the sod in the National Cemetery in this city, were decorated yesterday, according to the beautiful and

ple to the city. This was no excepall directions by all means of convey-ance, until there was quite a large crowd of them, though not as many as crowd of them, though not as many as

As has been published from time to time, no formality, procession, or anything of the kind was observed in the decoration ceremonies. The Fioral But see! The gray dawn breaks in lians and military gentlemen with drouth and scorching weather. Still quantity on each grave.

cemetery, in the shape of a large, comwas used for yesterday's ceremonies.

the occasion, singing to music furnished by Prof. John Marshall, on an mishers, back recoiling, merge in the guns—saying from the very beginning.

Once more the blithesome Summer Queen Smiles o'er our hills and valley's green-And borne on South-wind's fragrant wings, Her glories o'er the glad earth flings. The wintry waste of snow and ice

Hath given place to Paradise; And, lo! our Queen, like Eden's fair, Is mistress of the earth and air.

All nature feels her magic power, Expressed in sunshine, dew, and shower, And forth the unlocked treasure yields Of leaf, and flower and waiving fields. Her flowery wealth in garlands wove,

Sweet tokens of undying love, To-day we place upon each grave, In memory of our fallen brave.

of those who gave their lives a willing | dealing sacrifice for the perpetuity of our hand.

cious memories of their deeds.

cold embrace of death. We have a country—the richest and fairest on earth—made classic by their battles and sacred by their sleeping dust, a Government endeared by their love coffinless graves! Such is but a faint that the beautiful task of decorating these their winding-sheet, are deposited in that the ceremony would be wanting in the funeral direct and loving hands, therefore, is committed the beautiful task of decorating these graves. Without your kind offices the ceremony would be wanting in the funeral direct that the beautiful task of decorating these committed the beautiful task of decorating these and solemnity of feeland devotion, a flag made thrice glorious by their peerless deeds of valor, a
Union of States cemented by their
life-blood and consecrated by all of
woe the human heart can suffer. We

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picture of a soldier's life.

I trust that I may not give offense
to any, even the most sensative, and
that it may not be considered out of
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I trust that I may not give offense
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place if I shall make reference, on this
these senses the continue, in can not overestimate their services nor overdraw the picture of sufferings and hardships they endured for us. Have you ever thought of what it cost to be southern Unionists. Referring to the soldiers. of his dark and stormy life? Are you rich and surrounded by family and friends and all that can minister to the not misquote) "No one of them (re-

recline upon gilded sofas, or repose at night upon costly beds of silken softness and snowy draperies; when you luxuriate at your tables of royal magnificence and profusion, do you ever think of the habitation, bed and board with whom it was good Lord and the solution of the habitation of the habita of infant love and confidence were stead of one, it is aimed at thousands ASI TENNESSEE LODGE, No. 34-Meets wont to twine around his innermost of friends. heart. And now we see him at his It seems to me that this is a proper does all in its power to provide for his -here and now-in arouse to conflict and shake off the and West with whom they perished lethargy of inactivity and repose, then on fields of carnage, here and now in

he must give up whatever meagre the presence, and with the approval comforts he may enjoy in his seasons of this multitude of both sides, citiday long -over hill and valley, mouncountry, and whose bones lie resting tain and plain; through rain and snow brand of falsehood and shame upon honored custom, which is observed rations at all; sometimes surfeited and the war, he may have been identified each recurring year, as a merited trib- sick, often weak and worn and faint when I declare that the tongue of no ute to the sacred memory of our fallen | with thirst and hunger; foot-sore and | true soldier ever maligned or slandered These occasions, no matter how hitte enemy is in his front—the shades of or brave man could plant advertised, and how uncetentations, night are gathering-his scant and his heel always serve to stiract crowds of pend unsavery supper is eaten in sadness that covers the remains of the tion. The visitors gathered in from and the bending arch of heaven is his sword among the fleshless bones and have been seen before upon like occa- wanders back to the scenes of do this, as General Bragg has shown sures abide. Oft again on the unfettered dier-is unfit for the association of wings of his fancy he flies back to the honorable men in peace or war-and a

Committee prepared their flowers at the east. The darkness flees before the whom he is politically affiliated in the the postoffice and sent them out to the horizon is draped in crimson gossemers is adjudged to be severe, I trust to the coming glories of the morning. The American Congress. If this language Cemetery. The supply of flowers was of cloud, and lo! from his pavillion in provocation for my justification. much more meagre than it is want to the far off ocean realms, veiled in speak in vindication of the speechless be, chiefly on account of the prevailing | mists of fiery red, the great sun mounts | dead, whose good name and motives the ruddy sky. But, hark! I hear a have been assailed in a high place. sound !- the still air trembles to its To say nothing of other communities there were enough to strew a small quivering jar-a sound as of the war this side of the Mason-Dixson line, of mighty winds and floods. Ah! 'tis how was it in our own section-how The grounds presented their usually the sound of moving armies. I hear was it in Eastern Tennessee? As an the rumbling of artillery wheels, the index to the sentiment which preneat and well kept appearance, in fact roll of drums, the shrill notes of mar- vailed here it is only necessary that I they grow more beautiful year after tial music, the thunder of ten thou- should state the fact that including yera under the very careful attention sand hoofs, the heavy tramp, tramp, the regularly organized regiments and bestowed by the keeper, Sergeant tramp of manoeuvering battallions, individual men who fled early and Thomas Ridge. Miniature flags float- regiments and corps. The bugle calls connected themselves with North- other necessary information will be furnto arms. The soldier leaps from ern and Western commandsed from every grave in the grounds. A slumber into battle line. The mostly Western-there were 30, valuable addition is under way of con- fatigues of his painful march 000 East Tennesseeans, as good struction near the north corner of the are forgotten. The fires of his metal as ever faced a foe in the patriotic ambition kindle into flame, army of the United States-representand the fierce spirit of battle is upon ing a voting population of scarcely modious and elegant stand, construct- him. Lifting his eyes to catch a fifty thousand ed of brick, marble steps, etc. This glimpse of the emblem of all that is Strike a line through Wisconsin's Although the day was wonderfully beneath its folds. In long lines of Bragg's district, and can she boast of oppressive with heat and sunshine, a streaming colors and flashing steel the such a record? Go to the heart of large crowd, much larger than was expected, assembled on the ground at 2 fray. Already the sharp sound of East; segregate fifty thousand voters, o'clock, the hour set for the decorao'clock, the hour set for the decora- from the skirmishers between. Al- challenge comparison. What! hypo tion. The exercises opened with sing-ing by an excellent choir provided for from the heights around, and solid Lord and good devil men—who dared

organ furnished by Marshall & Co.'s advancing columns and on a sudden perish property! perish slavery music house. Rev. R. D. Thomas, the pent up fury of the contending perish pastar of the Weish Church, offered foes, like volcanic fires, bursts into the up an appropriate and feeling prayer. clouds gather on mountain peaks and ted upon the altar of their country the which was followed by another piece from their black and vapory ranks the endearments of home, all their earthly of music, and the orator of the day, angry lightnings in deep voiced thun- possessions and even life itself!! Hon. A. A. Taylor, of Carter county, ders leap and crash amid the scarred genuine Unionism at the South! was introduced by Capt. W. P. Cham- seried files of flesh and blood a nameless graves among the lonely hills berlain. Mr. Taylor was in his hap- firey tempest pours. The rattling and blooming valleys of the Southplest of moods, and his address was a vollies of the musketry and the land-from scores of historic battle model for eloquence, and appropriate-ness to the occasion. The following now shake the field as by a mighty Franklin, Chickamauga, Atlanta and earthquake's tread. The sulphurous smoke of the conflict, as from the crater of a seething hell, hangs in clouds and wreaths and whirling col. try's flag-its hollow tones are heard umns above the bloody vortex. The from these narrow vaults around us: grim death-angel riots on the scene. His flying shafts, in leaden showers and iron hail, are hissing like ten thousand serpents athwart the reeling lines. The bugle signals for a charge. The terrible onset is made.

Ah! what a shock is then and there! A shock that makes the tremb- genuineness of their patriotism and sin | consequently prevent baldness. Free ling air grow sick. How wave those colors in the thickening smoke! How down their lives in their country's which make some preparations danshout the valiant hosts! How clash cause? Has human virtue no expres-those trenchant blades of burnished sion in human actions? Have the steel! Long they struggle and firmly In this act we seek to express all stand against alternate shocks. Lethat our hearts can feel of tenderness gion with legion, in dire confusion, and grateful affection for the memory commingle in fierce encounter, death The crisis comes National existence. To decorate their Victory appears!! And now the vangraves once a year, with choice floral quished foe has fled the sanguinary offerings, has become, at once, a pleas- field. The din of the conflict is hush- ain's, wrath in vain? The blood ing duty and a National custom. This ed. The clouds of smoke are lifted on of the Nation's armies has flowed in and yet lasts long on the hair, giving

In gathering at their tombs, we crying, groaning in the agonies of come, not to revive the animosities of pain, and calling in pitious moans for day in vain! Then this, General the great struggle that laid them there, succor—of dying, gasping in the last Bragg's record of exemplary patrionor to indulge in bitter thoughts and throes of dissolution, and scattered, ism in the war and glorious deeds feeling against any, living or dead, like leaves in the hurricane's track, in valor, of which we never heard, and who were once enemies, but simply to heaps and piles the fallen thousands counts for naught, is doomed, with Sauford, Chamberlain & Athers. do honor to our deceased soldiers of lie, all pale and ghastly, bloodstained bis unjust and wicked aspersion, to the late war and to call forth the prestark and stiff in death. The wounded perish from the annals of time and To-day we enjoy a priceless heritage still wet with their blood, is opened, And now, ladies, we take pride in for the preservation of which and slowly and sadly their comrades recognizing your pre eminent worthithey are now sleeping in the march to the mournful notes of the ness to do the honors of this day.

a soldier, or attempted to realize the proposed abolition of the Southern The committee having the matter in charge, with the assistance of others

of a private soldier in contrast with your own? Are you poor, and do you toil day by day for a scant supply of this world's comforts and necessaries during the war." This is an unfor wife and little ones; do you dwell patriotic, malicious, and ungrateful in hovels of rudest a ructure whose thrust, more unkind than the stab of walls and chambers and floors know Brutus, at every Union man in the not the glittering splendors of the South-be he citizen, statesman, or rich and prosperous; do you lie down | soldier, living or dead. Unpatriotic, ORIENTAL LODG... NO. 453-Stated Communication upon second Thursday airmed humbler tables? Have you ever whom all true patriots honor and rethought how much better is even spect as a part of the glory of our your lot than that of a soldier on the country's history; malicious, because desolate field? He has left his home, the aspersion is unfounded in truth; and with it his heart. With a mighty ungrateful, because it ignores the sersorrow whose poignancy almost sev- vices they rendered and sacrifices they ered his very heart strings, he has sustained for the Union, and seeks to paried, it may be forever, with the rob many of their widows and ornearest and dearest object of his manly phans and legal representatives of affections, a tender and loving wife. just and equitable claims yet unpaid He has torn from his bosom those by the Government; more unkind bright eyed little ones whose tendrils than the stab of Brutus, because, in-

> post, sad, wesry and forlorn, yet time and an appropriate place earnest, obedient and brave, ever to denounce the unjust and unproready and willing to do battle for his | voked imputation. It seems that it country. His Government, it is true, is no breach of propriety necessities and to palliate his solemn presence; in sight of the graves sufferings, and sometimes, when of the dead soldiers of Tennessee, Kennot in active campaign, he is tucky and of other Southern sections, blessed with comfortable quar- whose dust is commingled with the ters. But when hostile armies dust of their brothers of the North of rest, and nerve himself for the zens and soldiers-Southern Confeder hardships and perils of the impend-ing struggle. Marching, marching all the cowardly insult, aimed alike at the living and the dead, and to put the -through dust and mud, exposed the assertion and its author. I know alike to scorching suns and winter that I but express the sentiment that NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS blasts; sometimes on half rations, throbs in the heart of every true and sometimes on quarter-often on no tried soldier with whatever cause, in bleeding, heart-weary and distressed, a fellow-soldier even though in arms upon the mound and the fired soldier lies down upon dead, who gave their lives in defense of the cold earth for his cheerless hed, their principles, and thrust a dastard slumbers of tired nature, in dreams he gallant enemy. A man that would happier days -- to that sweet home he would do, is destitute of any of the where his heart's most precious trea- elements of a true gentleman or sol-

dear to a patriot's heart, he resolves to Territory, cutting off fifty thousand everything! survive this Government! live the Nation!!

Franklin, Chickamauga, Atlanta and Knoxville-it echoes in sepulchral elocemetaries over which waves our coun-

cherished dead what evidence more in-

the crucial fires of adversity? Dans it. If wanted merely for a patriotism have no tangible sign in the sufferings, sacrifices, privations, beroic deeds and death of its devotees? Then Washington, our Revolutionary fathers, and all that illustrioushost of heroes trod the wine press of Great Britcustom should continue as long as there remains a devotee of American liberty.

a passing breeze. What a scene for there remains a devotee of American Myriads of wounded, shricking, hold the dust of the slain sons of the

Union, whose memory we honor to

ing that should characterize such an

comforts, the pleasures and tastes of refined and cultured life; when you walk in your splendid halls and chambers, upon carpets fresh from Persian or Belgian looms; when you we do it as a matter of gratuity, and the graves in a quiet and creatly inguience.

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